

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those individuals who bring honor and glory to themselves and the Show-Me State through their successful pursuit of excellence in all of their chosen fields of endeavor; and

Whereas, Les Featherston of Mt. Vernon has attained considerable distinction as an aviator who flew United States Air Force F-100s in Korea from 1968 to 1969 and served as a Boeing 747 Captain with United Airlines from 1969 to 2001, at which time he retired; and

Whereas, the proud owner of a Harmon Rocket aircraft, Les Featherston will fly that vehicle to the First Flight Centennial which will take place at historic Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, from December 12 to December 17, 2003, in honor of the milestone accomplishments of the Wright brothers; and

Whereas, Les Featherston will serve as Missouri's official representative to the First Flight Centennial, an important national event which will commemorate the work of Orville and Wilbur Wright who are universally hailed as the originators of modern aviation; and

Whereas, a graduate of Southwest Missouri State University, Les Featherston is a Director of the Missouri Pilots Association, member of the Experimental Aircraft Association and United States Pilots Association, former President of the Southwest Missouri Chapter of the Missouri Pilots Association, and volunteer in the effort to restore Mt. Vernon's airport; and

Whereas, Les Featherston is justifiably proud to be known as the beloved husband of Linda, loving father of Lance Featherston and Laurel Veit, wonderful father-in-law of Mary Featherston and Tim Veit, and a devoted grandfather of three grandsons, Ian, Logan, and Caden Featherston; and

Whereas, First Flight Centennial is sponsored by the National Park Service, state of North Carolina, First Flight Centennial Foundation, and North Carolina's Outer Banks:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Les Featherston to represent the state of Missouri at the First Flight Centennial celebration which will take place from December 12 to December 17, 2003, at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes that he will enjoy continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Les Featherston of Mt. Vernon, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Jack Goodman
District No. 132

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4312, adopted October 2, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker